

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



April 19, 2004

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 2004 CROP YEAR

**RELEASED:** April 19, 3PM - There were 5 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 1% very short, 16% short, 76% adequate, and 7% surplus.

**CROPS:** Rainfall held up planting for a few days early in the week. Additionally, cooler temperatures slowed growth of both corn and early soybeans. So far only two counties have reported cotton acres planted. Remaining counties expect to get underway within the next week. Rice planting is still ahead of schedule, however unfavorable soil temperatures over the past week have caused some delay in emergence and germination. This week's forecast for warmer temperatures is expected to speed up this process. Winter wheat heading is right on schedule, and the crop remains in overall good condition.

**LIVESTOCK:** Livestock are in good condition. Pastures are being fertilized and producers are continuing to apply herbicides to fields to control weed population.

Progress %					Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
CORN									
Planted	87	76	87	72					
Emerged	63	41	52	33					
SOYBEANS									
Planted	11	7	7	3					
SORGHUM									
Planted	30	20	35	30					
COTTON									
Planted	2	0	1	1					
RICE									
Planted	46	31	46	28					
Emerged	8	1	5	4					
WHEAT					0	3	33	53	11
Headed	34	13	13	31					
HAY - OTHER					0	3	42	51	4
HAY - ALFALFA					0	1	48	51	0
PASTURE & RANGE					1	4	31	56	8

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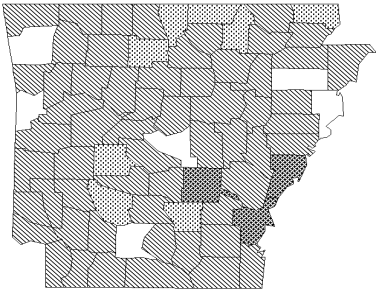
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

April 18, 2004. Temperatures were below normal. Rainfall in some areas. Harrison and Hot Springs recorded the high temperature of 85<sup>0</sup> and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 29<sup>0</sup>. Precipitation ranged from a high of 0.87 inches at Eudora to 0.00 inches at several reporting stations.



- NO DATA
- VERY SHORT
- SHORT
- ADEQUATE
- SURPLUS

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: April 18, 2004

DISTRICT AND STATION	TEMPERATURES			RAINFALL				
	HIGH	LOW	DEP FROM NORM	WEEK ENDING APR 18	CURR APR ACCUM.	APR NORMAL	JAN-MAR	
							2004	NORMAL
1 Fayetteville	81	31	2	0.00	1.41	4.33	5.19	8.72
Harrison	85	37	2	0.00	0.71	4.09	5.04	9.51
2 Calico Rock	83	30	1	0.18	0.71	4.36	5.56	10.43
Gilbert	83	29	-1	0.00	0.73	4.05	5.17	9.77
Greers Ferry	81	39	-1	0.00	1.47	5.02	8.87	11.94
Mountain Home	83	41	3	0.01	0.81	4.13	7.46	10.22
3 Batesville	80	35	3	0.00	0.99	4.76	7.69	11.10
Jonesboro	80	37	-2	0.11	1.24	4.99	7.90	11.30
Keiser	84	37	-1	0.29	1.28	4.90	10.02	12.34
Newport	82	43	-1	0.08	1.21	5.01	9.03	11.63
4 Booneville	84	36	-2	0.00	1.67	4.32	8.80	10.38
Clarksville	82	38	1	0.00	1.59	4.48	8.68	10.20
Dardanelle	82	35	-1	0.00	2.58	4.24	8.11	10.94
Ft. Smith	84	36	1	0.00	1.36	3.91	8.66	8.90
Mena	82	32	-1	0.05	2.51	5.20	11.85	12.13
Ozark	81	35	-1	0.00	1.29	3.63	9.91	10.03
5 Conway	81	39	-1	0.00	2.33	5.00	10.18	11.20
Hot Springs	85	37	-2	0.03	1.13	5.31	12.10	12.94
Little Rock	82	39	0	0.02	1.99	5.47	10.93	11.82
N Little Rock	82	45	-1	0.05	2.58	5.03	11.11	11.52
6 Brinkley	79	43	-1	0.05	1.49	5.19	11.93	12.45
Marianna	80	36	-4	0.12	1.53	5.30	12.54	13.62
Stuttgart	80	39	-4	0.18	2.60	5.29	15.75	15.75
7 Hope	82	42	1	0.12	1.27	4.89	11.65	13.12
Texarkana	82	38	-2	0.21	1.07	3.95	10.85	10.97
8 Camden	82	38	-2	0.24	1.52	4.63	12.54	13.82
El Dorado	82	37	-3	0.36	2.16	4.55	17.87	14.32
Warren	81	40	1	0.00	1.96	5.13	17.36	15.48
9 Eudora	83	39	-3	0.87	2.19	6.15	13.63	16.72
Pine Bluff	81	42	-3	0.18	2.57	5.14	16.58	13.29
Rohwer	79	41	-3	0.52	3.40	5.07	18.53	14.61

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